

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Farm Level Financial Impacts of Ending Direct Payments

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB) EB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: For the past ten years direct payments (also referred to as fixed payments) have been paid to producers who operate land that historically used for production of major agricultural commodities. Direct payments are set legislatively and do not vary with commodity prices or generally with crop production decisions. Given budget pressures, several proposals have been advanced to substantially reduce or completely eliminate direct payments in the next farm bill. This Brief identifies the current beneficiaries of the direct payment program and analyzes the potential impacts of an end to direct payments on farms' income, land values, and financial position.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 01/11/12 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

